



MEDIA RELEASE

Tucson Fire Department

Fire Chief Dan Newburn



Contact: Captain Norm Carlton

Date: May 28, 2008

Ward-6 Apartment Fire 4300 Block of E. Pima

Wednesday May 28, 2008

Dispatch time: 2105

On scene time: 2106

Under control: 2131

This fire left three apartments uninhabitable late Wednesday night. The fire started in a downstairs unit and began to move upstairs. The damage to the downstairs apartment was significant. The fire started in the bedroom and was fueled by oxygen bottles. This was a huge fire that was spreading rapidly. It was stopped by an aggressive fire attack minimizing the damage to the upper floor. One person was injured by the fire and taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. It took approximately 60 firefighters 25 minutes to get this blaze under control and to evacuate the apartment complex.

Estimate of damage: \$150,000.00

Red Cross: Red Cross was called to help any who needed assistance

Injuries: There were three people injured. One person sustained burns to his legs and the other two were treated for minor injuries.

Cause: Undetermined at this time

Safety message: With a fire of this size and magnitude, use of a fire extinguisher is not recommended. Doing so may result in serious injury and complicate the rescue efforts.

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